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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --
Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 08 March 2004.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-42 is/are pending in the application.
 - 4a) Of the above claim(s) 43-47 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-42 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date 6/10/04.
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Drawings

1. The drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a). The drawings must show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Therefore, the features as recited in claims 9-10, 23, 33 and 37 must be shown or the feature(s) canceled from the claim(s). No new matter should be entered.

Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The figure or figure number of an amended drawing should not be labeled as "amended." If a drawing figure is to be canceled, the appropriate figure must be removed from the replacement sheet, and where necessary, the remaining figures must be renumbered and appropriate changes made to the brief description of the several views of the drawings for consistency. Additional replacement sheets may be necessary to show the renumbering of the remaining figures. Each drawing sheet submitted after the filing date of an application must be labeled in the top margin as either "Replacement Sheet" or "New Sheet" pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d). If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Claim Objections

2. Non-selected claims 43-47 should be canceled in response to this office action.

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

3. The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

4. Claims 1-42 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention.

It is not understood how the logic 8000 in Fig. 8 can be one embodiment of logic 500 of Fig. 5 as described in lines 1-2 of paragraph [0057], page 20 since Fig. 5 does not show any logic 500; WR-EN, POR, PCH and PDCH as shown in Fig. 8; PCH, WR-EN, POR, PDCH, POR and PDCH as shown in Fig. 9.

It is not understood what "To next row" as shown in Figs. 5B, 12 and 13B and as recited in claims 38 and 40-42 will really be the next selected row.

It is not understood what type of data propagation only in a first direction from the second row segment to the row segment during a read operation and only in a second direction from the first row segment to the second row segment during a write operation as recited in claims 1-42 really are since there are a plurality of row segments 212 in Fig. 2 of the present invention. How the data is propagated in the remaining row segments?

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

5. Claims 4, 19, 25, 38 and 40-42 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 4, it is not clear how data can be propagated when the first dataline segment is not connected to the second dataline segment.

Claim 19, it is not clear how data can be propagated when the first and second portions of the logic circuit are not associated with any one row.

Claim 25, it is not clear what type of logical combination of a control signal and a data on the dataline segment in the second adjacent row segment really is since there are a plurality of row segments and dataline drivers.

Claims 38 and 40-42, it is not clear what a next row really is since there are a plurality of row segments recited.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

6. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

7. Claims 1-42 are, insofar as understood rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Irrinki et al., 5,847,990.

Irrinki et al., 5,847,990, discloses in Fig. 2 a memory device 202 comprising:

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a plurality of row segments 210-1 to 210-m; bidirectional gate 204 for driving the write data path and a read data path in response to write/read control signal (see lines 11-12, column 5) and obviously be considered connected between row segments through respective sense amplifiers 214-1 to 214-m and analog-to-digital A/D circuit 216-1 to 216-m.

Since the subject matter of the claimed invention as recited in claims 1-42 is not understood as rejected under 112, first and second paragraphs, all the remaining features as recited in claims 1-42 are also rendered obvious under 35 USC 103(a) over Fig.2 of Irrinki et al., 5,847,990.

Conclusion

8. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Pfeiffer et al., 6,859,411, Hanji et al., 6,873,556, Tsuji, 6,747,910, Lin et al., 6,621,756, Raad, 6,577,521, and Iwahashi et al., 6,856,574.

9. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to TRONG PHAN whose telephone number is (571) 272-1794. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (8:30-5:00).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, HOAI HO can be reached on (571)272-1777. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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